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adequate to produce a composition in the form of a substantially stable, extrudable paste or cream; and (D) 5% to 50% by weight of a non-irritating, mildly abrasive, skin compatible, particulate material that is effective to cleanse and lubricate the skin without abrading the skin; said composition being effective to cleanse, soften, smooth and moisturize the skin when the composition is applied to and massaged into the skin, thereafter rinsed from the skin with tepid water and the skin is towel dried.

Page 5, Paragraph 1, (Amended). [Also within the scope of the invention is a method of

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cleansing and conditioning the skin of the hands, face, heels/knees/elbows and/or the human body comprising the steps of (I) applying a cosmetic composition onto wet or dry skin of the area of the body to be treated therewith, said composition containing (A) 35% - 80% by weight of emollient material, (B) 0.4% - 8.0% of a water-soluble surfactant, said proportion being effective to deposit a skin softening amount of emollient material on the treated skin without a greasy after-feel when said composition is applied to and rinsed from the skin with tepid water and the skin is dried, and (C) a water-insoluble C12 - C18 monocarboxylic acid salt in a weight ratio of said emollient material to said monocarboxylic acid salt in the range of 7:1 to 1:1 that is adequate to produce a composition in the form of a substantially stable, extrudable paste or cream; (II) massaging said composition into the skin of said area with the hands; (III) rinsing the composition from the treated skin area with tepid water; and (IV) drying the treated skin area, said method being effective to deposit a film of emollient material on the skin thereby cleansing, smoothing, softening and moisturizing said skin without a greasy after-feel. Further, when the cosmetic composition containing the particulate exfoliating material is applied in the foregoing method, the skin is cleansed in addition to being smoothed, softened and moisturized.

In the claims: